

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Juozas BRAZAITIS

1. [] and the undersigned met subject on 11 December 1956 at 1300 hours in a downtown Washington, D.C. hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with subject the possibility of his organizing a non-faction radio advisory committee which is to sponsor a radio center in NY.

2. Subject stated that he had previously discussed with Mr. Sidzikauskas and other leaders relative VLIK radio activities and the consistencies of opinions was that VLIK radio efforts is deteriorating. VLIK does not have the capabilities and financial means to conduct effective radio broadcasts. Subject thought that in connection with the present tense situation in the satellite and the Baltic countries radio broadcasts would constitute the most effective means to inform the people behind the Iron Curtain of recent events.

3. [] reviewed our past efforts to bring about a unification of all Lithuanian factions for the support of effective radio broadcasts. [] further indicated that now would be the propitious time to have effective and informative broadcasts to Lithuania. He expressed his regrets that to date the Lithuanian groups could not manage to agree in this a-political undertaking. [] further indicated that if some Lithuanian leaders with authority would agree to organize a non-faction radio advisory committee to support a radio center we would regard such efforts favorably and would agree to support it financially.

4. Subject stated that this approach was new to him. He was under the impression that we wish to support the radio efforts only via VLIK and were not interested in a group outside of VLIK starting to organize a radio center. [] clarified that to date our dealings with VLIK regarding radio broadcasts were based on the fact that VLIK was the first to establish the radio outlets. We thought that VLIK would succeed in attracting to the radio efforts other groups now not participating in VLIK. Inasmuch as the efforts of VLIK did not succeed and realizing the importance of radio broadcasts at this time, we would certainly regard most favorably if a person like Mr. Brazaitis would organize a non-factional committee of five persons who would actually represent the majority of the Lithuanian emigration in the West.

5. Subject agreed with the idea and in the course of the discussion he proposed to contact the following personalities: Messrs. Rastenis and Sidzikauskas in the US and Messrs. Lozoraitis and Krupavicius abroad. Subject particularly emphasized that Krupavicius

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